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TO AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE ON SINAI PULLBACK

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR
PRESIDENT TOLBERT FROM PRESIDENT NIXON:

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH
FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT OF
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF EGYPT AND ISRAEL ON
A DISENGAGEMENT OF THEIR MILITARY FORCES. I JOIN YOU
IN HOPING THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY FURTHER
STEPS TOWARD A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON. END QUOTE.

3. USG HAS NO PLANS RELEASE FOREGOING MESSAGE BUT HAS
NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOL.

4. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TOLBERT MESSAGE TRANSMITTED TO
WHITE HOUSE UNDER COVER OF LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR PEAL
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DATED JANUARY 21, 1974: QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT AND

PEOPLE OF LIBERIA JOIN ME IN EXPRESSING WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AND FELICITATIONS FOR THIS FURTHER ENDURING AND HISTORIC SERVICE TO MANKIND THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF YOUR SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. KISSINGER, IN OCCASIONING THE REACHING OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE DISENGAGEMENT OF THEIR FORCES, A PARTIAL ISRAELI PULLBACK, REDUCTION OF EGYPTIAN ARMED STRENGTH ON THE EAST BANK OF SUEZ AND INTERPOSITION OF UNITED NATIONS FORCES BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. THIS IS AN EVENT OF TRULY HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE AND GIVES RISE TO THE SINCERE HOPE THAT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WILL PRODUCE FRUITFUL RESULTS AND THAT AT LONG LAST A JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION TO THE CHRONIC AND DISTRESSFUL MIDDLE EAST SITUATION IS WITHIN REACH, FOR BOTH ISRAEL AND EGYPT NOW APPEAR DETERMINED TO NEGOTIATE PATIENTLY, REALISTICALLY AND IN A SPIRIT OF TIMELY RECONCILIATION TO SPARE THEIR RESPECTIVE NATIONS AND PEOPLES THE NEEDLESS DESTRUCTION AND HORRORS OF WAR. SHOULD THESE EVENTS COME TO PASS THE WORLD WILL OWE YOU A DEBT OF GRATITUDE FOR THE WISE AND HUMANE POLICIES ON BEHALF OF PEACE WHICH YOU HAVE FORMULATED AND PURSUED AND YOUR TIRELESS SECRETARY OF STATE IS CARRYING OUT. WITH ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND PERSONAL ESTEEM, SINCERELY, W. R. TOLBERT, JR. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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